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SUBJECT: MAGAZINE ARTICLE DRAWS REACTION

1. SUMMARY. REACTION IS GROWING TO AN ARTICLE IN THE LEFTIST PERONIST MAGAZINE "LA CAUSA PERONISTA" WHICH GIVES A DETAILED ACCOUNT, BY TWO TERRORISTS WHO TOOK PART, OF THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF FORMER PRESIDENT ARAMBURU. END SUMMARY

2. THE SEP 4 ISSUE OF "LA CAUSA PERONISTA" CONTAINS A DETAILED FIRST PERSON ACCOUNT OF THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF FORMER PRESIDENT ARAMBURU BY MARIO FIRMENICH AND NORMA ARROSTITO. THE TWO ARE LEADERS IN THE MONTONEROS AND PARTICIPATED IN THE TERRORIST OPERATION WHICH THEY CALL THE FIRST POLITICAL ACTION OF THEIR ORGAIZATION.

3. REACTION TO THE ARTICLE HAS BEEN ONE OF NEAR UNANIMOUS REPUDIATION. EVEN PERONISTS OF THE EXTREME LEFT WING ARE HARD PRESSED TO DEFEND THE ARTICLE. NEWSPAPER COVERAGE WAS SLIGHT AT FIRST BUT NOW HAS BECOME SUBSTANTIAL AS REACTIONS TO THE ARTICLE ARE REPORTED. THIS TIMIDNESS ON THE PART OF THE NEWSPAPERS WAS POINTED OUT SEP 6 IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL BY JACOBO TIMMERMAN IN LA OPINION WHO ATTRIBUTED IT TO A FEAR OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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DEALING WITH SENSITIVE ISSUES.

4. A PROJECT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE TO REQUEST THAT THE AUTHORS BE CHARGED WITH DEFENSE OF A CRIME (APOLOGIA DEL CRIMEN), FOR WHICH THE AUTHORS ARE STILL CHARGEABLE EVEN THOUGH COMMISSION OF THE ACT ITSELF WAS PARDONED UNDER THE AMNESTY GIVEN BY PRESIDENT CAMPORA.

5. COMMENT. PUBLICATION OF THE ARTICLE WAS APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO PROVOKE THE GOA OR THE MILITARY OR BOTH. SOME EMBASSY CONTACTS HAVE REPORTED A LESSENING OF SUPPORT FOR THE TENDENCISTAS (THE LEFTIST PERONISTS WHICH INCLUDED THE MONTONEROS) ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES AND ELSEWHERE DUE TO THE FACT THAT THIS GROUP CONTINUES TO PROMOTE A RETURN TO TERRORISTS TACTICS. THIS ARTICLE WILL NO DOUBT ADD TO THIS PROCESS.
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